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EVENTS OF THE DAY

GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE TWO HEMISPHERES.

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting to Our Many Readers.

The Fernie, B. C., coal strike has been settled.

President Roosevelt has started on his western tour.

The secret service at Washington has discovered two new counterfeit notes in circulation.

Financiers of several nations are ready and willing to help Castro by lending Venezuela money.

The \$3,000,000 appropriated by congress for the relief of the Philippine government has been disbursed.

The miners' new scale has gone into effect in almost every state. Advance will mean about \$35,000,000 more wages this year.

It is probable that the British Columbia legislature, which has just convened, will take steps to prevent Japanese from entering that country.

The San Joaquin river and tributaries in California are rising rapidly, bridges have been swept away and great damage is reported from several sections.

An agreement has been reached at Seattle between the street car company and its striking employees, and cars are again running. The differences will be settled by arbitration.

G. F. Swift, president of the great beef packing firm, is dead.

German newspapers reply to Dewey by criticizing the American navy.

Eighteen Waterbury, Conn., strikers have been arrested for deadly assault.

Noah Raby, an inmate of the poorhouse of Middlesex county, New Jersey, is 131 years old. He was born at Easton, N. J., on April 1, 1772.

William Reilly, a patient in the Bellevue hospital, New York, has an incessant laughing spell, which has lasted five days, and the doctors cannot explain it.

When Mrs. S. L. McQuown left a bank at Marion, Ind., with \$600 she had just drawn the money was stolen from her pocketbook, which hung from her belt, by two men who had been waiting for her.

The title to some ancient Irish gold ornaments is being contested in the British courts between the crown and the trustees of the British museum. They were plucked up in the Northwest of Ireland in 1896, and were sold to the museum for 600 pounds.

Germans are angry at Dewey's criticism of their navy.

Senator Foster declares Pacific coast man should be selected for vice president.

Many people have lost their lives on account of the last break in the Mississippi levee.

The Cuban senate has ratified the reciprocity treaty on the promise of an extra session of congress.

Robbers dynamited the safe in the postoffice at Lake Mills, Winnebago county, Iowa, securing several hundred dollars.

At the invitation of the German government, a conference with the object of founding an international seismic association will be held at Straesburg from July 24 to July 28.

It is said that John W. Gates intends to retire permanently from active participation in the stock market, and that in the future he will devote much of his time as he will spare to business to those concerns in which he is heavily interested.

Privileges to construct a salt lake of 400 acres near Cape May for a seaside resort have been granted to a company, which proposes to fill 600 acres extending from Madison avenue, Cape May, to Sewell's point, and to construct an inlet to the ocean so that sea-going yachts may have entrance.

A new system of searching for mineral ores by the use of the telephone is being tried at the Telesca lead mine, in North Wales.

James McNeill Whistler, the American artist, will receive the degree of doctor of laws at the forthcoming Glasgow university graduation ceremonies.

The Mills & Wright company, of Boston, one of the oldest printing and book houses in New England, has made an assignment. Liabilities \$91,279, with assets nominally the same.

Alfred G. Vanderbilt has visited Commissioner Straesburger, of New York, to whom he explained that most of his securities were invested in non-taxable properties not liable for personal assessment. He showed that he was liable for assessment on only \$190,000 but he agreed to an assessment on \$250,000.

Judge P. B. Wolfe, of the Seventh Iowa judicial district, has just rendered an important decision regarding the power of assessors to assess taxes on property in the hands of a trust company as trustee. The court holds such property is liable to assessment both for county and city taxes.

Siquero, Mexico, is now the only plague spot in the Mazatlan district.

Russia is trying to negotiate a loan of \$100,000,000 with a Franco-Belgian syndicate.

YAKIMA INDIAN LANDS.

Effort Being Made by Commissioner to Settle Long Standing Dispute.

Washington, April 1. — Representative Cushman has been advised by the commissioner of Indian affairs that steps are soon to be taken looking to negotiating a final agreement with the Indians of the Yakima reservation whereby they will surrender all claim to lands lying between the west boundary of their reservation and the crest of the Cascade mountains.

Ever since the treaty of 1855, defining the boundaries of the Yakima reservation, there has been a dispute as to the lands actually belonging to the Indians. In that treaty their reservation was to extend westward "to the crest of the Cascade mountains," but in the subsequent survey marking the boundaries of the reservation the west boundary line was laid off a considerable distance to the east of the mountains. The Indians have all along maintained that they were erroneously deprived of the intervening tracts, but no satisfactory agreement has ever been made with them. Only last year they refused an offer of \$175,000 for the lands, saying that was not a sufficient recompense for their loss.

Renewed efforts are to be made through a special agent of the department to procure a mutually satisfactory agreement this summer, and in that event congress at the next session will be asked to appropriate the amount called for in such agreement to quiet the Indians' claim. The department is thoroughly convinced that the equities of the case are with the Indians.

TO SELL WRECK OF THE MAINE.

Cuban Harbor and Coast Will Be Cleared of Wrecked Battleships.

Washington, April 1. — The Cuban cabinet at a recent meeting decided to call for bids by advertisement, both in Havana and abroad, for the removal from Havana harbor of the wreck of the battleship Maine and the removal of the wrecks of the several Spanish war vessels lying on the southern coast of the island. Bids will also be invited for removing the wreck of the Merrimac from the entrance to Santiago harbor and the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XIII, which is grounded on the north coast, near Havana.

It is the expectation of the Cubans that a neat sum will be realized by the transaction, as bidders will not be paid for the work, but will be required to pay for the privilege, on condition that the recovered ships and material shall pass to them. There are a number of bidders awaiting the opportunity to submit proposals, among them C. F. W. Neely, notoriously associated with the Havana postoffice.

It is reported that the Spanish government seeks to recover some of the ships now lying on the southern coast, but all bids must be made by individuals or firms. Offers from the Spanish government will not be entertained.

"THE GREATEST COUNTRY."

Czar's Tribute to United States in Discussing St. Louis Fair.

St. Petersburg, April 1. — The czar today received Thomas W. Cridler, the representative of the St. Louis exposition, at the imperial residence at the Tzarevskoe Zelo and expressed his personal interest in, and sympathy with the objects of, the St. Louis exposition, the scope of which he discussed with Mr. Cridler for a considerable length of time. The czar referred to the friendship existing between Russia and the United States, and said he hoped to see that friendship more firmly cemented. He seemed much impressed by the magnitude of the exhibition plans and said he wished to congratulate America on its marvelous development, saying to Mr. Cridler: "You have the greatest country."

The czar promised to carefully examine a memorandum submitted to him by Mr. Cridler, showing the economic reasons for the participation of Russia in the exhibition.

SIGN AMENDED TREATY.

President Palma Sends Orders to Cuban Minister at Washington.

Washington, April 1. — Ratification of the Cuban reciprocity treaty will be exchanged at the state department today. Senator Quesada, the Cuban minister, called upon Secretary Hay and officially notified him of the ratification of the treaty by the Cuban senate, as reported in the news dispatches. As there is only one copy of the treaty in Washington, the other being en route from Havana, the exchange of ratifications will be constructive, rather than actual, Secretary Hay accepting as sufficient the assurance that the Cuban treaty has been dispatched to Washington. No date has been set for the assembling of congress to take action on the treaty.

Line Through Colorado Coal Fields.

Guthrie, O. T., April 1. — The Colorado, Oklahoma & Texas railroad company has been chartered as a feeder to the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient, building from Dennison, Tex., to Pueblo, Colo., and through Hobart, Cheyenne and Elk City, Okla., tapping the main line of the Orient at Lone Wolf. Propositions are now being made to cities along the proposed route for bonuses for the construction. The line passes through the Colorado coal fields.

Silver Bought for Philippines.

Washington, April 1. — The secretary of the treasury today purchased for account of the Philippine coinage 350,000 ounces of silver at an average of 49.8c an ounce. The silver is to be delivered in equal parts to the mints at

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

WILL WASH OUT GOLD.

G. W. Dart, of John Day, Starting Up an Extensive Work.

Placer mining promises to be an important industry in Grant county during the coming season. Several miners have already commenced getting things in readiness for the summer's run.

What promises to be an excellent paying proposition is the placer mine of G. W. Dart, which will be worked for the first time this season.

Mr. Dart has leased the pipe, giants and all the mining material belonging to the Humboldt mining company, and at present has a force of men laying this pipe and getting everything in readiness for the summer's run, which will commence immediately.

The mine is situated on the west side of Canyon creek, between John Day and Canyon City, and nearly opposite Long gulch. Water will be used from the Humboldt ditch. The ditch will be in charge of Bert Stone.

It is the intention to operate the

New Warden at Penitentiary.

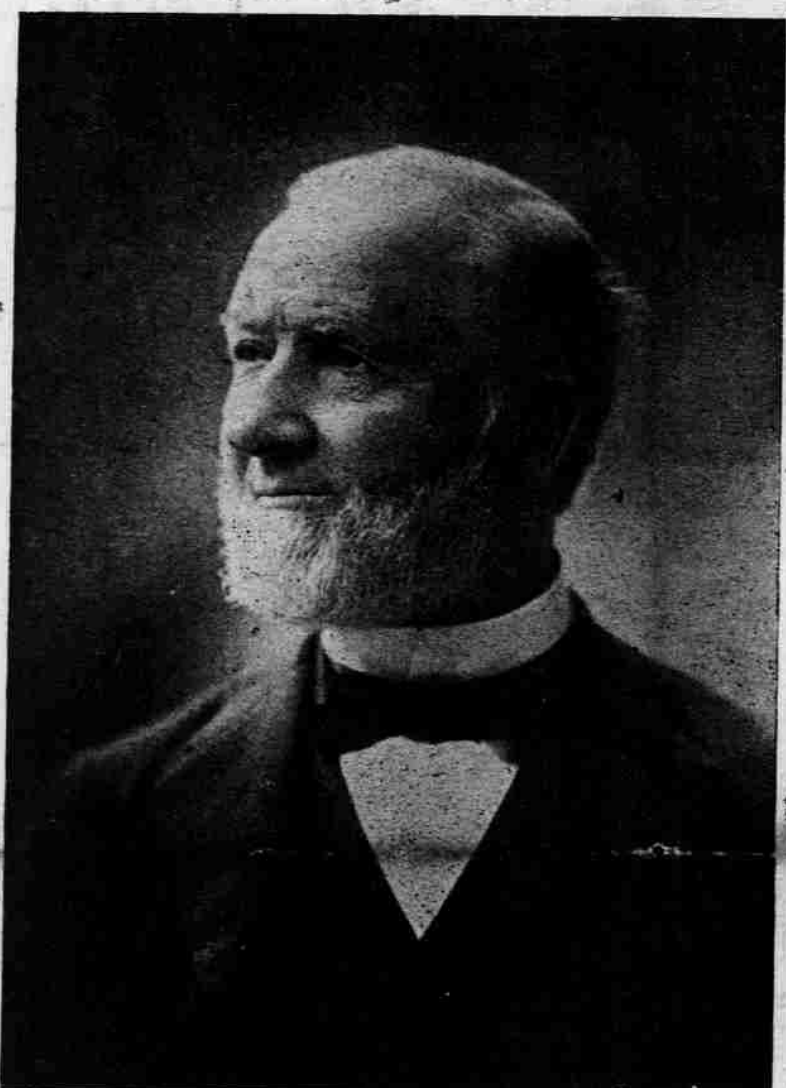
C. W. James, who became superintendent of the Oregon penitentiary on April 1, has announced the promotion of Ed McPherson from the position of second warden to that of first warden. McPherson will succeed J. T. Janes, who has held the position during the past four years. The vacancy caused by the promotion of McPherson will be filled by the appointment of G. F. Johnson, of Baker City.

Woodman Street Carnival.

The Woodmen's street carnival and fair, to be held in Dallas June 3, 4, 5 and 6, promises to be a very successful affair. The committees are all hard at work and are meeting with good success.

To Invoke Referendum.

A number of mining men around Grants Pass are giving assistance in the work of invoking the referendum against the mining corporation tax law recently passed by the Oregon legislature.



THE LATE HENRY WINSLOW CORBETT.

mine 16 to 18 hours a day, according as the length of the days permit. Two shifts of men will be employed.

Prosperous Hood River Valley.

Though the annual precipitation at Hood River is about 36 inches, irrigation is a very important factor in the prosperity of the Hood River valley. Since irrigation came into practice on a considerable scale five years ago the population of the valley has quadrupled, the price of land has increased 300 per cent and the entire fruit shipping business of that locality has grown up. Sixty thousand crates of strawberries (two dozen boxes to the crate) and 100 carloads of apples, of last year's production, have been shipped from that station, and large quantities of fine apples are still going forward to market.

Irrigable Acreage Increased.

The great abundance of snow in the mountains has resulted in an increase in the acreage of irrigable land that will be placed under cultivation this season in Baker county. In many instances the increase will amount to 50 or 60 per cent over last year, and taking the entire county, the increase will amount to fully 40 per cent this year over last.

Pilot Rock Postoffice Robbed.

The postoffice at Pilot Rock, a small village about 15 miles from Pendleton, was robbed Sunday night and about \$100 in money and stamps secured.

Wheat Fire at Cayuse.

Three warehouses and an elevator, containing in all about 18,000 bushels of wheat, were burned at Cayuse last Monday. The total loss is estimated at more than \$20,000. Cayuse is a small wheat station about 20 miles east of Pendleton, and has no water protection whatever.

Demand for New Buildings.

Contractors and builders are overcrowded with contracts for buildings to be erected in Baker City this season. Most of the new structures are cottages and dwellings of some pretensions. The demand for houses to rent is greater than the supply, all of which goes to show that Baker City is steadily growing.

Astoria at the Fair.

Astoria will erect a \$5,000 building at the Lewis and Clark fair.

Sale of Albany Woolen Mills.

Arrangements have been completed for the sale of the Albany woolen mills to the Bannockburn manufacturing company, of Portland. The stockholders of the Woolen mills company will soon meet and ratify the sale. This is one of Albany's leading manufacturing concerns, and furnishes employment to

Hopes to Find Water.

B. F. Copen, an expert on formation for artesian water, who sunk the artesian wells at Pullman, Wash., and who for many years has been making extensive examinations of the Columbia river basin, has been looking over the situation in the vicinity of Echo for some time with a view to getting four or five sections of land and putting in the necessary machinery for thoroughly testing the subject. He says that there is every indication that artesian water can be had along the base of the Echo buttes.

Mills Running Full Time.

All of the sawmills in Baker City are running full time and the demand for lumber both for local use and for export is in excess of the supply. Most of the lumber manufactured there is sent to Utah, where a great deal is used in railroad construction.

Will Build Dam.

The Sumpter land company will erect a dam at the junction of Cracker creek and McCullough's fork.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 72c; blue stem, 77c; valley, 77c.

Barley—Feed, \$23.50 per ton; brewing, \$24.

Flour—Best grade, \$3.95@4.25; grab-am, \$3.45@3.85.

Milletstuffs — Bran, \$19 per ton; middlings, \$24; shorts, \$18.50@20; chop, \$18.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.15 @ 1.20; gray, \$1.12@1.15 per cental.

Hay — Timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$8@9; cheat, \$9@10 per ton.

Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 50c@60c per sack; ordinary, 40c@50c per cental; growers' prices; Merced sweets, \$2@2.25 per cental.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 12@13c; young, 11c@12c; hens, 12c; turkeys, live, 15c@16c; dressed, 18c@20c; ducks, \$7@7.50 per dozen; geese, \$7@8.50.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 16c@17c; Young America, 17c@18c; factory prices, 12c@13c less.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 30c@32c per pound; extras, 30c; dairy, 20c@22c; store, 15c@18c.

Eggs—14c@15c per dozen.

Hops—Choice, 21c@23c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 12c@15c; Eastern Oregon, 8c@14c; mohair, 26c@28c.

Beef—Gross, cows, 3c@3c; calves, 4c@4c; dressed, 7c@8c.

Mutton—Gross, 4c per pound; dressed, 7c.

Lambs—Gross, 4c per pound; dressed, 7c.

Hogs—Gross, 6c per pound;

ALASKA HAD GOOD CARE.

Northern Territory Got New Laws Which Will Bring Settlers.

Washington, March 31. — "Alaska has been bountifully taken care of in the past session of congress," said J. W. Ivey, who has been here all winter urging legislation of one sort or another for the big territory. "I find that very few states have secured as much in the way of local legislation, and few members can go home as contented as I will return to my people. We did not get everything we wanted, but we did get the most essential things, and I have no complaint to make. When I first came down here at the opening of the session, senators and representatives told me I might as well go home, that in the short session there would be no time for considering legislation. They advised me to come back next session, when there was more time. But I replied that we had been put off that way year after year, and did not intend to stand it any longer. So I camped down, and here I have been ever since.

"In my opinion, the most important legislation of the session was the Alaska homestead bill, permitting the entry of 320 acres of land, 100 of which may be commuted upon, and a like amount taken by scrip. The bill is not perfect, but it will do a great deal towards bringing in the class of permanent settlers that we so much need. Now that people can acquire title to the land, and can feel safe against encroachment, there will be a heavy immigration, and the fertile valleys will soon begin to fill with industrious, energetic people. When we get a larger population, as we are now sure to do, we will come back to congress and make known our other wants."

STRONGHOLD IS TAKEN.

Crushing Defeat Inflicted on San Miguel and His Fort Captured.

Manila, March 31. — Two companies of Macabebe scouts signally defeated the main body of San Miguel's forces today. It is believed San Miguel was killed. Lieutenant Reese was seriously wounded. The scouts lost three men killed, and had 11 men wounded.

The enemy occupied an entrenched position between Marikina and Francisco del Norte, and had erected a stone fort, which was garrisoned by 200 men. Lieutenant Reese and Nickerson decided after an hour's fighting to surround the position and charge, after having divided their commands. The two officers then led a gallant and successful charge, during which Lieutenant Reese fell, seriously wounded. The enemy then broke and ran, leaving 45 men dead on the field, including a general officer, who is believed to be San Miguel, though his identification is incomplete. It is hoped this defeat will discourage disorder in Rizal province.

The military authorities will direct the operations of the detachments which are pursuing the bandit bands. Additional troops are to be sent to Surigao later on.

NORTHWEST AT THE CAPITAL.

Title of Tacoma Building Site Defective—Seattle-Tacoma Mails.

Washington, March 31. — The attorney general today reported that he had examined the title to the public building site at Spokane, designated for purchase early in the winter, and had found it clear. A check has been made out and sent the owners.

There is fault title to two lots included in the Tacoma site, the lots owned by Mrs. Walsh, and before that site can be acquired these two lots will have to be condemned, thereby insuring clear title. The title to the balance of the site is satisfactory.

Senator Foster today urged the postoffice department to increase the mail service between Seattle and Tacoma. He was told that, if the electric road would carry such mails as were offered it at a reasonable rate, the additional service would be established. All interurban mails are now carried by the Northern Pacific.

Police Ordered to Fernie.

Victoria, B. C., March 31. — In view of the fact that trouble is expected at Fernie in the event of non-union men being imported by the Crow's Nest coal company, the British Columbia government has requested the Dominion government to send a detachment of North-west mounted police to Fernie, the center of the strike, and a squad of 50 men has been ordered to proceed from Calgary. The coal company has given the men until today to decide whether they will return to work; failing a decision, outsiders will be brought in.

Take Years to Recover.

San Francisco, March 31. — Louis Hirsch, of this city, whose coffee plantation in Guatemala was destroyed by the recent eruption of Santa Maria volcano, has just returned from an inspection of the devastated district. He says that the accounts of the cost to Guatemala of Santa Maria's outbreak were not exaggerated, and it will take a couple of years and perhaps longer, for the coffee industry to recover from the blow.

Rescued from the Flood.

Natchez, Miss., March 31. — The steamer St. John came up from below this morning with a full load of passengers and stock from the flooded district. The officers report a daring rescue of three men who were found adrift in Black river. One of the men was on a log and the other two in trees. They had been washed out by the crevasse at Bogere, and had been without

DEATH OF PIONEER

HENRY WINSLOW CORBETT PASSES TO THE GREAT BEYOND.

Was One of Portland's Foremost Citizens—Father of the Lewis and Clark Expedition—His Life Was Crowded with Affairs of Business, State and Philanthropy—End Was Peaceful.

Portland, April 1. — Henry Winslow Corbett, for over half a century a foremost citizen of Portland, is dead. The end came yesterday morning as the dawn crept over the eastern hills. While the light of the new day was drawing on the life of one of Oregon's greatest pioneers was ebbing away.

So slowly did the waning taper of life go out that they who grieved at the bedside could scarcely perceive when it flickered last. The angel of death touched Mr. Corbett gently, and he went as he had wished to go, easily and painlessly.

The end of Mr. Corbett's life so soon was quite unexpected. His health had been failing for three months past, and that he was on a downward slope was evident. The vital forces were spending themselves fast. Last Saturday the family saw the first manifestation of the approaching end. "I'm very sleepy," said the patient, but complained of no bodily suffering. The heart which for over 76 years had supplied the sentinel's of the brain with life's fluid was growing feeble and the sentinels were drowsy.

Henry Winslow Corbett was born at Westborough, Mass., Feb. 18, 1827, and was the youngest son of a family of eight, six of whom reached maturity. His parents were Elijah and Melinda (Forbush) Corbett. Mr. Corbett's boyhood was passed in Washington county, New York, where, until he reached the age of 13 years he received an ordinary common school education. At that age he began his business career in a store at Cambridge, remaining two years as clerk and a part of the time attending Cambridge academy. He then went home, and after a short term at school, secured a clerkship at Salem, the county seat. After a year there he went to New York City and secured a clerkship in the dry goods store of Williams, Bradford & Co., serving there seven years. During this period he firmly established himself in the confidence of his employers, so that in October, 1850, they furnished him the necessary capital to ship a general line of merchandise to Portland, Oregon, by way of Cape Horn on the bark Francis and Louise. He arrived in Portland March 4, 52 years ago (1851). At that time Portland contained about 400 inhabitants and five small stores.

As soon as Mr. Corbett had gained a good financial start he began to take a prominent part in those enterprises which he saw were needed to develop the resources of the country. In numerous business, public, church and charitable enterprises Mr. Corbett held a prominent position. He was a director of the Oregon Railway and Navigation company, always casting his influence in behalf of liberal management and to secure the lowest rates of transportation possible with good and quick service.

He was largely instrumental in the original board of trade, and for several years was its president, and was active in the chamber of commerce. In all the important measures of these bodies Mr. Corbett was foremost in counsel and hearty co-operation. Mr. Corbett was chairman of the committee of one hundred, which took a prominent part in municipal affairs during the hard times of 1893-95.

The Lewis and Clark centennial exposition was the last great creation of Mr. Corbett and was in many respects his favorite enterprise. His heart and soul were in it, and he gave to the management of its affairs more time and attention than to his own private business. It was his purpose to make the success of the exposition the rounding out of his long business career, and he would have succeeded if his life had been spared.

Mr. Corbett is justly entitled to the honor of being the father of the exposition. Without his help and influence the local company could never have been financed, nor would the state have been so generous in its treatment of the undertaking.

Will Be China's Banker.

New York, April 2. — News has reached official headquarters here from St. Petersburg to the effect that an agreement either has been or is about to be arranged between the Russian and Chinese governments for keeping all the funds of the latter at the Russo-Chinese bank in Peking. If this agreement is carried out, as the Russo-Chinese bank is in reality a Russian government institution, it is not impossible that a protest will be forthcoming from British institutions, which have been keeping most of China's funds.

Four Tracks All the Way.

Chicago, April 2. — The management of the Lake Shore road has decided to four track the system from Chicago to Buffalo, thereby establishing a four track line from Chicago to New York. Nearly 400 men are already at work on the improvement, and within a short time fully 200 more will be employed. The freight congestion of the last six months was the determining factor in inducing the management to order

RICH GOLD NUGGETS.

Montana Collection Will Be a Feature of Portland Exposition.

Helena, Montana, March 28. — W. G. Conrad, of the banking firm of Conrad Bros., who was named by Governor Toole as one of the honorary commissioners for Montana at the Louisiana Purchase exposition, in St. Louis and Portland, respectively, has made a most interesting announcement—that he will send what is supposed to be the largest and best collection of gold nuggets in the world, to St. Louis and Portland for exhibition during the expositions.

The exhibit is owned by Conrad Bros., and was formerly the property of the First National bank in Helena. The collection was purchased by the Conrads from the receiver of the bank several years ago, upon the failure of that institution, and has since been added to.

The collection was gathered by ex-Governor Hauser, when president of the First National bank, and was the result of many years' effort. Even in days when placer mining was being done in hundreds of claims throughout the state, the collection was regarded as magnificent. Among the nuggets in the collection is one found in Nelson gulch, above Helena, which is said to be the largest single nugget ever found in the Northwest.

The present value of the collection is about \$300,000 if melted down, but in its natural state, as coming from the earth, it is worth more, a number of gems being worth several times their weight value because of their peculiar formations.

It should prove one of the features of the exposition. It will be carefully guarded day and night from the time it leaves Montana until its return from St. Louis and Portland.

RECIPROCITY IDEA IS KILLED.

Other Treaties Will Share Same Fate—President Gives Up.

Washington, March 28. — The announcement in the Jamaica legislature regarding the failure of the reciprocity treaty with the United States is but a forerunner of what may be expected in the case of all agreements of a similar character which failed to secure action by the United States senate. It was evident from the attitude of that body that the members were opposed to the reciprocity idea, as outlined in the reciprocity treaties that were sent to it by the president, and all efforts along that line have been abandoned by the administration.

The rejected treaties, among which is that with the French republic, are not, it is authoritatively stated, to be again submitted to the senate in December next, and because of the attitude of the senate, the president is discouraging the formation of new treaties.

Sugar formed an important item of reciprocal exchange in some of the treaties, noticeably those in the West Indies, and so far as that article of import is concerned the administration is stepped from agreeing to any reduction of duty by reason of the terms of the Cuban reciprocity agreement. This specifically provides that no sugar produced by any country other than Cuba shall be admitted into the United States as by treaty on convention while the Cuban treaty is in force, at a lower rate of duty than is imposed by existing law.

RIVER IS STATIONARY.

Swift Current and Favorable Winds Keep Mississippi Down.

New Orleans, March 28. — With the river practically stationary during the day, there has been little change in the flood conditions. The phenomenal speed at which the current is flowing and favorable winds have doubtless restrained the rising tendency. A vigilant eye is being kept on every foot of levee from Red river landing to New Orleans.

Members of the state board of engineers are at various points along the Mississippi, the Red river and La Fourche. On the latter stream there are now three crevasses, but planters not immediately within range of the breaks have had time in which to construct temporary embankments. Much damage will be done to the oyster industry by the present flood.

To Pay Honolulu Plague Claims.

Washington, March 28. — W. F. McLennon, chief of the warrant division of the treasury department, today started for